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LB 852

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This morning we have reached an agreement. So what I am proposing is to return LB 852 for specific amendment, which would be AM2158. It should have been distributed to each one of your desks. After some work with Senator Smith, and his agreement on this yesterday afternoon, all of the six senators involved do agree to this amendment. And I would just ask for your approval to return for Select so that we can adopt this amendment and move forward. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to return? Senator Erdman, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question is, shall the bill be returned for specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill is returned. Senator Erdman, you're recognized to open on the amendment.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, just let me quickly say, for those of you who might be coming in, AM2158 is an amendment that everyone involved agrees with. And as I mentioned, after work with Senator Smith yesterday afternoon, agreeing to keeping his district the same size as it was, after his objections yesterday afternoon, we've overcome that. Once again, it restores Gosper County to District 38, Perkins County to District 44, puts Banner County in District 47, leaves District 48 as it is, and gives District 49 similar land as far as Cherry County, as what the committee put together. The deviations for 49 and 47 are better; the deviations for 44 and 38 are better; and 48 stays as it is, with a little less deviation than the committee's proposal. Once again, all six members involved in this amendment agree to it. And I would encourage your adoption of AM2158.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I want to second what Senator Erdman just said. It does everything that